

Resolved, That the Officers and Council of the Society are hereby authorized to demand and receive, on behalf of the same, from the executors of the last will and testament of François André Michaux, deceased, or whoever may have the legal charge and custody thereof, the sum of money bequeathed by the said François André Michaux to the Society in trust for the purposes expressed in the said legacy; and, if necessary, to appoint an attorney or attorneys under them for the purpose of demanding, receiving and seeing to the proper investment or transfer of the same;—which resolution was read, considered and adopted.

A report was made by the librarian, on leave given, in relation to the preparation of a catalogue of the library, and stating the plan and progress made in the same;—which was read and ordered to be inserted on the minutes.

A committee of six members was appointed to suggest the names of Officers of the Society for the ensuing year,—to make report at the next stated meeting.

Stated Meeting, December 17, 1858.

Present, thirty-nine members.

Mr. LEA, Vice-President in the Chair.

Dr. Edward Hartshorne, a recently elected member, was introduced and took his seat.

A letter was read from M. Jomard, dated Paris, Nov., 1857, returning thanks for Part 1, Vol. XI. of the Transactions of the Society.

The following donations were announced:—

FOR THE LIBRARY.

Annual Report of the Commissioner of Statistics to the General Assembly of Ohio for 1857. Columbus, 1858. (112 pages.) 8vo.

—*From E. D. Mansfield, Com.*

Quarterly Summary Trans. Coll. Phys. III. 5. Phila. 1858. 8vo.

Journal of the Franklin Inst. No. 6. Phila. Dec. 1858. 8vo.

Catalogue of Coleoptera of the regions adjacent to the boundary line between U. S. and Mexico, by John L. Le Conte, M.D. Philada.

1858. (33 pages with plates.)—*From the Author.*

Proceedings New Jersey Hist. Soc. VIII. 3. New York, 1858. 8vo.

On Picric Acid, &c. by M. Carey Lea. Phila. 1858. (7 pages.) 8vo.

Embryonic forms of thirty-eight species of Unionidæ, by Isaac Lea.

Phila. 1858. (7 pages.) 4to.—*From the Author.*

Smithsonian Contributions. Ancient fauna of Nebraska, by Joseph

Leidy. Memoir on the extinct Sloth tribe of America, by the

same. Washington, 1858. (200 pages with plates.) 4to.

The report of the Committee of Finance was read, and the appropriations therein recommended for the ensuing year were ordered to be made, viz:

For Journals, . . .	\$50
„ Hall, . . .	250
„ Binding, . . .	50
„ Publications, . . .	400
„ General Account, . .	1500
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Total,	\$2250

The committee appointed at last meeting to suggest the names of officers to be voted for at the annual election of the Society in January next, made a report, which was ordered to be printed and furnished to each resident member.

Dr. R. E. Rogers made an oral communication in relation to the condition of water when apparently in contact with highly heated surfaces; but which is, in reality, as though suspended in spheroids above the heated mass;—and described some experiments which led him to infer that the peculiar phenomena observed are due to a repulsion existing between the heated matter and the water.

Prof. Kendall presented a communication from Lieut. Col. J. D. Graham, entitled “Contributions to Geography,” which was referred to the reporter for publication in the Proceedings of the Society.